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For: A HIGH-THROUGHPUT DIAGNOSTIC  
ASSAY FOR THE HUMAN VIRUS  
CAUSING SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY  
SYNDROME (SARS)

New York, NY  
September 8, 2006

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, in which the Examiner has required restriction among the following Groups:

Group I (claims 1 and 3-6): Directed to nucleotide SEQ ID NO:2471;

Group II (claims 2-6): Directed to nucleotide SEQ ID NO:2473;

Group III (claim 7): Directed to encoded polypeptide;

Group IV (claims 8, 10, 11, 18, 19 and 29): Directed to anti-N antibody and process of use;

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Group V (claims 9-11, 18, 19 and 29): Directed to anti-S antibody and process of use;

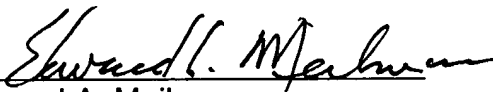
Group VI (claims 12-14, 20-22, 25 and 26): Directed to method of detecting N gene and products used; and

Group VII (claims 15-17, 23, 24, 27 and 28): Directed to method of detecting S gene and products used,

Applicants hereby elect Group VI (claims 12-14, 20-22, 25, and 26), without traverse, for the present examination.

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Respectfully submitted,

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